

## Western Region Business Services News

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## Upcoming Events / Seminars

For information about upcoming DWS seminars and workshops:  
<http://jobs.utah.gov/employer/business/workshops.asp>

**Improving Employee Productivity-Stress Reduction for Success**

Wednesday, April 19, 2006

8:00 am – 9:00 am

**Labor Market Information for Productivity and Profit**

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

8:00 am – 9:00 am

**Financial Planning for Employer-Employee Success**

Wednesday, June 28, 2006

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Cedar City Employment Center

176 East 200 North

Cedar City, Utah

For additional information on the above employer seminars,  
 contact Bob Cranford at (435) 865-6548 or email: [bcranford@utah.gov](mailto:bcranford@utah.gov)  
 Registration Fee \$5.00

**Construction Career Days**

March 21-22, 2006

7 am – 1:30 pm

Washington County Fair Grounds

The second annual Construction Career Days is scheduled for March 21-22, 2006 at the Washington County Fair Grounds. Approximately 3,000 students from the seventh grade through high school will participate in the event. The objective of the Construction Career Days is to provide students with hands-on experience and to increase awareness of the construction industry among youth, teachers, and career counselors, as a viable and rewarding career. It is hoped that this increased awareness will expand the size of the pool from which the industry can recruit its workforce. The Utah State University Washington County Extension and Utah LTAP sponsor this event.

There are three main exhibit categories: Exhibits, Trades, and Heavy Equipment. Donations of supplies, experienced operators, and craftsmen are needed to provide youth with hands-on experience. This is a great opportunity to share your talents, experience, and business with local youth. For more information on how you can help, please call Vernon Parent (USU Extension) at 435-634-5706 or Keri Shoe-maker Utah Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) Center at 435-797-2931.

## Health Care Taskforce-Partnerships at Work

The Western Region Council established a Health Care Taskforce in 2005 to determine the extent of the shortages in the health care occupations throughout Western Region. The taskforce identified the extent and availability of existing available resources that could be used to reduce the shortages. Members of the taskforce included representatives of Snow College, Intermountain Health Care, Dixie State College, Southern Utah State College, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Workforce Services, and private employers. The taskforce collaborated with existing partners and developed new partnerships to find ways to fill existing gaps in health care occupations.

Through this collaboration and with the aid of Representative Patrick Painter, Nephi, Snow College received \$93,000 in ongoing funding in 2005. This funding is being used to increase enrollment in the LPN program. Student enrollment in LPN programs increased at Snow College South Richfield Campus and Snow College Ephraim Campus. An LPN program has started in Nephi and currently has ten students. Some of the classes in Juab County are provided by using Polycom Technology. Snow College has received an additional \$150,000 that will be used for faculty development, working with bachelor-level instructors to get their masters degree. Snow College has signed a cooperative program agreement with Weber State University to provide an RN program beginning in the fall of 2006. The program is a day program that will accept 20 LPN students who want to obtain their RN degree.

In April, Intermountain Health Care pledged \$600,000 to Dixie State College over the next five years to help train as many as 223 more registered nurses. This



funding will help the Dixie Regional Medical Center obtain qualified nurses by expanding local resources and drawing on locally trained nurses.

Southern Utah University was also the recipient of a \$125,000 donation from Intermountain Health Care. The donation will be used to hire an additional faculty member to meet the existing need for nursing educators. SUU has increased the number of students being enrolled in the Nursing Program from 24 per year to 40 per year. Twenty nursing students are enrolled each semester.

Delta Technical Center is working with Snow College to bring a pharmacy tech program to its campus, and Snow College is investigating the possibility of adding a physical therapy tech course.

The collaboration between the partners on this taskforce is helping to resolve health care issues that face rural Utah.

## The Business Brief

### On-Line Employer Resources

#### **jobs.utah.gov**

The Department of Workforce Services (DWS) website provides employers the opportunity to list job openings, search for job seeker resumes, and view the latest economic and wage information. The **jobs.utah.gov** website also contains links to unemployment insurance tax information and employment law. The DWS **jobs.utah.gov** web site is available 24/7.

#### **Business.utah.gov**

This is a great on-line resource for employers doing business in Utah. This web site contains information about starting a business, running a business, relocating a business and closing a business. It also provides links for business licenses, business license renewals, business news, and a host of additional business tools.

